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ENZYME FROM MYCOBACTERIUM
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED SEPTEMBER 22, 2003

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated September 22, 2003, for which the date for response was December 22, 2003.

A request for a two-month extension of time to respond is included herewith. This two-month extension will bring the due date to February 23, 2003, which is within the six-month statutory period. The request for an extension of time includes authorization to charge the fee for a two-month extension of time to Deposit Account No. 01-2508/12740.0247.NPUS00. Should such authorization be missing or should any additional fees be required for any reason relating to the enclosed materials, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from Deposit Account No. 01-2508/12740.0247.NPUS00.

Amendments to the Specification are reflected in the replacement paragraph on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks and Arguments begin on page 16 of this paper.